

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

March 9, 2004
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Vice President
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
Mr. John C. Austin, Treasurer
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate (via telephone)
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer
Mr. Reginald M. Turner
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser (via telephone)
Ms. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Also Present: Mr. Bill Cecil, Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. AGENDA MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

A. Improving Teacher Quality Program – Initial and Continuation

III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

A. *High Priority Points*, March 2004

B. Letter to Pam Wong from Jim Farrar dated March 2, 2004, regarding American Indian mascots

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Presentation on *Hard Lessons: The Causes and Consequences of Michigan's School Construction Boom* by Mr. Mac McClelland, Michigan Land Use Institute – added to agenda
- B. 2003-2004 Mandated Activities Projects, Part C – Initial – added to agenda
- C. Improving Teaching Quality Program – Initial and Continuation – added to agenda

Dr. Moyer moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Turner
Absent: Weiser

The motion carried.

V. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:06 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

VI. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to Order at 9:07 a.m.

VII. INTRODUCTIONS OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board of Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, and guests attending the meeting.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Update on Status of Recommendations of Integrating Schools and Communities Task Force

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Herbert Moyer, Chair of Integrating Schools and Communities Task Force

- Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent
- Ms. Renee DeMars-Johnson, Early Childhood Education and Family Services
- Mr. David Borth, retired, Big Rapids Public Schools
- Ms. Phyllis Davis Williams, President, Creative Community Pathways
- Ms. Deanna DePree, State Director, Michigan Communities in Schools
- Mr. Charles M. Anderson, Executive Director, Detroit Communities in Schools
- Dr. Grenae Dudley, Executive Director, Mayor's Time

B. Presentation on the Michigan After-School Initiative Report

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Lindy Buch, Supervisor, Early Childhood Education and Family Services
- Ms. Kathi Pioszak, Family Independence Agency
- Ms. Judi Brown-Clark, Family Independence Agency
- Dr. Grenae Dudley, Director, Mayor's Time
- Ms. Lori Post, Michigan State University
- Mr. Dwayne Baker, Michigan State University
- Ms. K. P. Pelleran, Director, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

C. Presentation by Mr. Ryan Donlan Regarding *Finding Our Lost Souls* – The Bay-Arenac Community High School Approach

The following individual presented:

- Mr. Ryan Donlan, Superintendent, Bay-Arenac Community High School

D. Presentation on Junior Achievement

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Ms. Deb Dingwall, President, Junior Achievement of South Central Michigan
- Mr. Bill Wilson, President, Junior Achievement of the Michigan Edge
- Ms. Lynn Feldhouse, President, Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan
- Mr. Larry Richardson, Executive Director, Junior Achievement
- Ms. Tabitha Lemon, Karoub Associates

E. Presentation on *Hard Lessons: The Causes and Consequences of Michigan's School Construction Boom*

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Mr. Mac McClelland, Michigan Land Use Institute
- Mr. Brian Conway, State Historic Preservation Officer, Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries
- Ms. Lynn Glahn, President, Harbor Springs Board of Education
- Mr. Norm Hamann, Diekema-Hamann Architects, Inc.

F. Update on Accountability Workbook for No Child Left Behind

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer

Mrs. Weiser joined the meeting via telephone at 12:25 p.m.

G. Presentation and Report on the Limited License to Instruct Program by Wayne State University, Detroit Public Schools, and the Office of Professional Preparation Services

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation, Michigan Department of Education
- Dr. Sharon Elliott, Assistant Dean, Teacher Education, College of Education, Wayne State University
- Dr. Paula C. Wood, Dean, College of Education, Wayne State University
- Dr. Steve Illmer, Associate Dean, Research, College of Education, Wayne State University
- Dr. Jo-Ann Snyder, Director of Field Placements and Student Teachers, Teacher Education, College of Education, Wayne State University
- Ms. Janice Green, Assistant Dean, Academic Service, College of Education, Wayne State University
- Ms. Beverly Schneider, Limited License to Instruct Advisor, Wayne State University
- Ms. Ines deJesus, Executive Director, Employment Services, Detroit Public Schools
- Ms. Debra Williams, Chief Human Resources Officer, Division of Human Resources, Detroit Public Schools
- Ms. Barbara Moten, Executive Director, Employee Services, Detroit Public Schools

- Ms. Felicia Miller, Human Resources Officer, Detroit Public Schools
- Mr. Keith Johnson, Director of Operations, Detroit Federation of Teachers
- Ms. Shandra Dumas, Candidate, Limited License to Instruct Program, 3rd Grade Teacher, Campbell Elementary School
- Mr. Michael Harris, Candidate, Limited License to Instruct Program, Student Teacher, Joy Middle School

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:50 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:31 p.m.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

H. Update on Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) Timeline

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Edward Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Educational Assessment and Accountability

I. High Priority Schools - Presentation on Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs/Michigan Department of Education Task Force on Creativity, Arts, and Cultural Education

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement
- Ms. Ana Cardona, Art Consultant, Office of School Improvement
- Ms. Betty Boone, Executive Director, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Department of History, Arts and Libraries
- Ms. Maxine DeBruyn, Vice Chair, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs
- Mr. William Charland, Associate Professor, Department of Art, Michigan State University
- Ms. Kelly Parsons, Lead Focus Teacher, Pleasant View Elementary School, Lansing Public Schools
- Ms. Melissa Stuard, Teacher, Pleasant View Elementary School, Lansing Public Schools

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 2:36 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mr. Jim Farrar, 431 Greentree Lane, Milan, Michigan 48160. Mr. Farrar shared comments and written materials on the use of Native American mascots, logos, and nicknames.
- B. Ms. Vera Graham, 2208 Montgomery Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Ms. Graham offered comments on all children, all together, all the time.
- C. Ms. Marta Hample, 45631 Morningside, Canton, Michigan 48187. Ms. Hample provided written and verbal comments on inclusive education.
- D. Ms. Joann Samuels, 51215 Plymouth Lake Circle, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Ms. Samuels shared verbal and written comments on inclusion.
- E. Ms. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood offered comments on Bay Mills Community College authorizing public school academies.
- F. Mr. Dennis Lundgren, and Ms. Joanne Hopper, 1440 Hide Away Lane, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085. Mr. Lundgren and Ms. Hopper, representing Michigan Mathematics and Science Centers Network, provided comments and written materials on the five State Board of Education task forces.
- G. Ms. Lisa Weltman, P.O. Box 19221, Detroit, Michigan 48219. Ms. Weltman offered comments on her future candidacy for the State Board of Education, and the Committee of the Whole presentations on Lost Souls and Junior Achievement.

XIII. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT THAT SECONDARY TEACHER CANDIDATES PASS BOTH THEIR MAJOR AND MINOR MICHIGAN TEST FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION SUBJECT AREA EXAMINATIONS

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation; and Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation; presented Discussion Regarding the Requirement that Secondary Teacher Candidates Pass Both Their Major and Minor Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) Subject Area Examinations.

Dr. Jenkins said the issue of requiring Michigan secondary teacher candidates to pass both their major and minor subject area MTTC examinations in order to be recommended for certification was raised at the February 10, 2004, State Board of

Education meeting. Dr. Jenkins said the Office of Professional Preparation is in the process of revising the Administrative Rules and one of the recommendations is to allow secondary teacher candidates to be recommended for certification with an endorsement in their major only, provided they have passed the appropriate MTTC subject area examination.

Dr. Jenkins said the No Child Left Behind Act emphasizes highly qualified teachers with deep content knowledge, and many other states require certification in a candidate's major only. Dr. Jenkins said higher education institutions could request waivers for candidates to be certified in their major only.

Dr. Jenkins said a forum of educators will be convened to discuss the impact of changing the minor testing requirement, and the recommendations will be reported to the Board no later than June, 2004.

This was a discussion item only, and no action was required.

XIV. REPORT ON NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND MONITORING PROCESS FOR HIGH PRIORITY SCHOOLS

Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement, presented Report on No Child Left Behind Monitoring Process for High Priority Schools.

Dr. Caamal Canul said local school district superintendents of high priority schools received a letter and monitoring packet in late February 2004 requesting documentation to verify compliance with No Child Left Behind Act sanctions for each phase of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Dr. Caamal Canul said the monitoring packet is simply written, and provides clarification on the sanctions of the No Child Left Behind Act. Dr. Caamal Canul said after the schools complete the reports and return them to the Department, Field Services consultants will contact the schools to offer assistance. Dr. Caamal Canul said she meets monthly with an advisory group of intermediate school district personnel who offer advice on school improvement issues.

This was a report only, and no action was required.

XV. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF 2003 TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Director, Office of School Improvement, presented Approval of Criteria for Allocation of 2003 Title I School Improvement Funds.

Dr. Caamal Canul said the No Child Left Behind Act requires states to reserve two percent of their Title I funds to support improvement efforts in identified Title I schools and to allocate 95% of this amount to districts with the lowest-achieving schools. She said Michigan has \$5,000,000 in reserved Title I funds that must be used before the fall of 2004 to support high priority schools

identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring. She said there are 100 schools in restructuring, because they have failed to make adequate yearly progress for the last five or more years, and it is being recommended that these funds be used for the schools in restructuring.

Dr. Caamal Canul said Mr. Watkins, and Dr. Hughes will be meeting on March 17, 2004, with the superintendents of the 29 districts that have schools in the restructuring phase to discuss each district's plan for restructuring the school(s) in that district. Dr. Caamal Canul said restructuring requires a change in the governance of the school.

Mr. Turner said many intermediate school districts are using resources very effectively to assist high priority schools, and they should be role models for other intermediate school districts. He said he wants the Board to be collaborative, affirmative, and prescriptive in helping schools. He said measurable outcomes and timelines are also necessary.

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for allocation of 2003 Title I school improvement funds to districts with Title I schools identified for restructuring, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated March 4, 2004.

Mrs. Straus and Mr. Austin asked how schools are receiving technical assistance in restructuring. Dr. Caamal Canul said the schools in restructuring will submit a proposal showing meaningful reform, and from that proposal technical assistance strategies will be identified.

Mrs. Bauer asked what the consequences are for noncompliance. Mr. Watkins said five percent of State School Aid can and will be withheld for noncompliance.

Dr. Moyer asked what the response has been from school district personnel. Dr. Caamal Canul said she has spoken to districts that appreciate the clarity of the process.

Mrs. Straus asked what will be done to assist districts that may need help drafting the initial restructuring proposal to submit to the Department. Dr. Caamal Canul said superintendents who do not attend the March 17 meeting will receive a telephone call, and the application will be posted on the website for easy access. She said Partner Educators and Field Services consultants will be available to assist schools.

Mr. Watkins said the Council of Chief State School Officers is also available to assist the Department with restructuring efforts for schools.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 10, 2004

John Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of the Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 10, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. March is Reading Month

Mrs. Straus said she had the privilege of reading to 2nd and 3rd grade students at Forest View School in Lansing on March 8; and she will be reading to students in Hamtramck on March 18, 2004. She said she knows Mr. Watkins and other Board members have also taken advantage of the opportunity to read to students, and she encourages people to take time for this worthwhile effort.

- B. 10th Anniversary of Proposal A

Mrs. Straus said she will attend the forum on the 10th Anniversary of Proposal A on March 15. She said it is a chance to reflect on what has worked well, lessons learned, and opportunities for improvement. Mrs. Straus said infrastructure, which was not included in Proposal A, continues to be an area for improvement, as the Board continues discussions, and prepares to make a public announcement on dealing with capital funding for infrastructure in the next few weeks.

- C. Testimony on Constitutional Amendment to Transfer Power to Appoint State Superintendent to the Governor

Mrs. Straus said at the February 10, 2004, Board meeting the Board voted to appoint a subcommittee to review House Joint Resolution V and develop a position statement to present to the Legislature. She said House Joint Resolution V transfers the authority to appoint the State Superintendent of Public Instruction from the State Board of Education to the Governor. Mrs. Straus said she testified to the House Education Committee and Mr. Austin testified to the Senate Education Committee on February 12, 2004. Mrs. Straus also thanked subcommittee members Mrs. McGuire and Mr. Turner for their work on the position statement.

D. North Central Regional Educational Laboratory Board Meeting

Mrs. Straus said she attended her first North Central Regional Educational Laboratory Board of Directors Meeting on February 24-25, 2004. She said Senator Ron Jelinek serves on the Board and Mr. Watkins is Chairman of the Board. Mrs. Straus reported that the Board includes educators and policymakers.

Mrs. Weiser ended her telephone connection at 3:50 p.m.

XVIII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. KATHLEEN N. STRAUS

Mrs. Straus requested a personal privilege to introduce the Resolution on Michigan Educational Assessment System.

Mrs. Straus said the Board adopted a Policy to Include All Students in the Michigan Educational Assessment System on October 18, 2001, and she believes it is important for the Board to reiterate its position.

Mrs. Straus said the Michigan Educational Assessment System includes the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, Mi-Access, the assessment of English Language Learners, and any other required assessment.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution on Michigan Educational Assessment System which reiterates the Board's policy adopted on October 18, 2001, to ensure that all students participate in the Michigan Educational Assessment System.

Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Turner
Absent: Weiser

The motion carried.

The Resolution on Michigan Educational Assessment System is attached as Exhibit A.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

XIX. UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Elaine Madigan, Executive Director, School Finance and School Law; and Mr. Rick Floria, Director, Financial Management, presented Update on Department of Education Budget.

Ms. Wolenberg gave an update on the Freedom to Learn Program, providing laptop computers to 6th grade students. She said 100 applications were received

by Michigan Virtual University by the due date of March 5th, however only 80 were eligible high poverty and high priority districts, and only 6 applicants completed the full application process. Ms. Wolenberg said the criteria for the 2003-2004 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Program approved by the Board on February 10, 2004, provides flexibility for the use of funds and is in compliance with federal regulations.

Ms. Madigan presented information on the 2004-05 State School Aid budget recommendations; and Mr. Floria presented information on the 2004-2005 Department Budget Bill recommendations.

Mrs. Straus asked if a study is being done on the cost of administering the No Child Left Behind Act in relation to the federal dollars received. Ms. Wolenberg said a formal study is not currently being conducted. Mr. Watkins said a study would best be conducted by an outside source, and there are not resources currently available. He said the report being prepared by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and MGT of America, Inc., involving an organizational review of the Department and the capacity to carry out the spirit of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, may provide useful information on the cost of administration of NCLB.

This was an update only, and no action was required.

Mr. Turner left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

XX. REPORT ON STATUS OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Robert Morris, Legislative Director, presented Report on Status of Legislation.

Mr. Morris said approximately twenty different bills have been introduced regarding intermediate school district issues during this legislative session. He said Representative Ruth Johnson has convened a subcommittee on intermediate school district issues, and she is holding hearings. Mr. Morris gave a summary of the seven intermediate school district reform bills currently in the House Education Committee.

Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that Mrs. Straus appoint a subcommittee comprised of herself, Mrs. Bauer, and Mrs. Curtin to work with staff regarding legislation relating to intermediate school districts and other issues.

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus
Absent: Austin, Turner, Weiser**

The motion carried.

After discussion, Mr. Watkins suggested that an analysis of the transfer of powers from the Board to the Superintendent be prepared at some time in the future. He said it would be helpful for new Board members.

Mr. Morris said the following bills have been introduced: Senate Bill 943 addressing sex education instruction and abstinence, and Senate Bill 944 regarding sex education penalties.

Mr. Morris said Representative DeRoche has introduced House Bill 5476 requiring the State Superintendent to evaluate every felony committed by a teacher on a case-by-case basis to determine if the crime warrants immediate removal from the classroom.

XXI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- N. Report on Financial Status of Michigan Deficit School Districts for 2002-2003
- O. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships
- P. Human Resources Report

Grants

- Q. 2003-04 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Amendment
- R. 2003-2004 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2004 – Amendment
- T. 2003-2004 Mandated Activities Projects, Part C – Initial
- U. Improving Teaching Quality Program – Initial and Continuation

Mr. Watkins distributed “Superintendent’s Report, Highlights of Activities for February – March 2004,” and an op ed “Thank a Michigan Teacher Today.”

XXII. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) – Dr. Herbert Moyer

Dr. Moyer said he will be attending the NASBE Board of Directors Meeting on March 11-13, 2004.

XXIII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Bauer requested that the Universal Education Referent Group provide an update at the April 13, 2004, Board meeting.

Mrs. Curtin suggested that the Board consider occasional meetings of more than one day per month, in order to have sufficient time to cover the agenda topics. Mr. Watkins said the agenda planning committee will discuss the issue.

Mr. Watkins asked Board members to submit agenda topics for the April meeting to the agenda planning committee comprised of the following Board officers: Mrs. Straus, Dr. Moyer, and Mrs. Curtin, or Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive.

XXV. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. April 13, 2004
- B. May 11, 2004
- C. June 8, 2004
- D. July 13, 2004

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary